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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the USPTO Official Action of June 28, 2000, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 32-39 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add the following new claims:

- -- 40. The method of any one of claims 24-31 wherein the composition further comprises a food.
- 41. The method of claim 40, wherein the food is a confection, a drink, a sport food, a sport drink, a health food, a seasoning, a food ingredient, a noodle, a bakery food, a cereal food or a retort food. --

